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LINUX SOFTWARE SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

:-

(a) whether the Government have any policy to encourage Linux software;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allotted for this purpose; and

(d) the funds spent in 2002-2003 to encourage Linux software system?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a) & b): Department of Information Technology, Government of India is planning ` Linux India Initiative` programme toaddress these concerns.

C-DAC(Centre for Development of Advanced Computing), Mumbai (erstwhile NCST) hasdeveloped INDIX, thatis Linux with Hindi Language support and development is underway for supporting other Indian Languages also.

(c) &(d): Rs. 150 lakhs is proposed for Linux India Initiative.

Funds will be spent from out of this project after formal approval.

Funds allotted for development of INDIX (Localization of Linux- Phase -I during 2000-02) is Rs.39.00 lakhs.

Funds spent in 2002-03 for Localization of Linux (phase -II) is Rs. 50.00 lakhs.